

HOUSE RESOLUTION 243

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize David Horvat on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, David Horvat is one such person, who has served with probity for thirty-eight years as the executive director of the Tennessee Dental Association (TDA), and who will embark upon a well-earned retirement on June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, named executive director of the Tennessee Dental Association in 1978, David Horvat has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community and this State; and

WHEREAS, David Horvat is a 1969 graduate of Ohio University, and received both a bachelor's degree in journalism and a Master of Science degree in Communications; and

WHEREAS, he was hired by Ford Motor Company in 1971 and worked in the Cleveland, Ohio, regional office, writing news releases and developing and implementing public relations programs; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, he became the executive assistant for publications and public information for the Ohio Dental Association (ODA); he served as assistant executive director of ODA from 1973 through 1977, and at the same time served as the executive director of the Dr. John Harris Dental Museum Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Horvat has taught classes at Ohio University, Ohio State University, the University of Tennessee, and Meharry Medical College; and

WHEREAS, under his astute leadership, the Tennessee Dental Association has seen continued growth in membership and a variety of continuing education resources; the formation

of the TDA Foundation; and the establishment of an American Dental Association Leadership Institute to assist future dentist leaders; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Horvat also served as a member of the Ohio National Guard from 1970 through 1976, performing public information duties; and

WHEREAS, an active and dynamic member of his profession, David Horvat is a valued member of the American Society of Association Executives and the American Association of Dental Editors; president of the American Society of Constituent Dental Executives; and past board member, newsletter editor, and treasurer of the Tennessee Society of Association Executives (TNSAE), which named him Tennessee Association Executive of the Year in 2015; and

WHEREAS, he is an honorary member of the American Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentistry, and honorary fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, which he has served faithfully for several years; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, David Horvat is perhaps proudest of the love and support he shares with his wife, Pat. They are the proud parents of two sons and the doting grandparents of seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in his retirement, Mr. Horvat plans to pursue his interests in travel, reading, history, antique toys, and classic automobiles, and continue to serve the Tennessee Dental Association as a consultant; and

WHEREAS, David Horvat exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, David Horvat has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to David Horvat our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, as we pay tribute to his

exemplary tenure as executive director of the Tennessee Dental Association, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.